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SUBJECT: SOLZHENITSYN

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1. NOW THAT SOLZHENITSYN IS, ACCORDING TO SOVIET PRESS,
LIVING COMFORTABLY WITH HIS FELLOW "REACTIONARIES IN THE
WEST, SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS ARE USING HIM AS PRIME EXAMPLE
OF IDEOLOGICAL OPPONENT TRYING TO WHIP UP ANTI-SOVIET FEELINGS
ABROAD. LITGAZ FEBRUARY 20 PUBLISHES NINE LETTERS FROM

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LITARY FIGURES APPRING SOLZHENITSYN'S DEPORTATION, AS
WELL AS TWO FULL PAGES OF EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE

BY HISTORIAN N.N. YAKOVLEV ENTITLED "SOLD OUT:
ON THE TRAITOROUS ACTIVITIES OF A. SOLZHENITSYN."
ARTICLE, WHICH LITGAZ SAYS WAS PUBLISHED IN SOVIET
JOURNAL, "VOICE OF THE MOTHERLAND" (AIMED AT RUSSIAN
EMIGRES), SELECTIVELY QUOTES HODGEPODGE OF WESTERN
SOURCES TO COUNTER SOLZHENITSYN'S ALLEGED ANTI-
SOVIET CONTENTIONS IN GULAG AND AUGUST 1914, AND
ADVANCES ALREADY WELL-KNOWN ARGUMENT THAT SOLZHNEITSYN
IS BEING USED--WITTINGLY--BY WESTERN, MOSTLY AMERICAN,
ANTI-COMMUNISTS.

2. WEEKLY SATIRICAL JOURNAL, KORKODIL, PUSHES SAME
LINE IN PROMINENTLY PLACED CARTOON SHOWING CONDUCTOR
USING GULAG AS SCORE TO DIRECT CHOIR COMPOSED OF
NAZI, NATO GENERAL, MAOIST, AND VARIETY OF OTHER
FACISTS SINGING INTO MICROPHONES LABELLED RADIO
LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE. CARTOON IS ACCOMPANIED
BY SATIRICAL ARTICLE ON SOLZHENITSYN WRITTEN BY
AMERICAN DAILY WORLD COLUMNISTS HARRY FREEMAN.

3. COMMENT: PROPAGANDISTS SEEM TO BE SHIFTING TO
DETAILED EFFORT TO COUNTERACT CONTENT OF GULAG AND
OTHER SOLZHENITSYN WORKS.
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